GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on the impact of Tsunami on tourism, farming and fishing which are the main source of income for the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide Central assistance for the developmental activities so as to raise the income of the natives of the above said islands; and

(d) the funds required and allocated for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : As per survey conduced by Andaman and Nicobar Administration, losses suffered in these sectors are given below:

Tourism:

Some tourist accommodation, hotels, vehicles and boats were damaged and loss was assessed to Rs. 36.23 lakhs.

Fisheries:

1703 fishing boats were damaged/lost either partially or fully. Three mechanized boats were damaged. 894 fishing gears were lost. 448 pisciculturists lost fishes from their ponds. 117 fish vendors lost their fishing implements. Fishery related project and three Crab/ Lobster fattening units were damaged.

Farming (Agriculture):

Out of 50.000 hectares of area under agriculture plantation in Andaman and Niocbar Islands, 8069 hectares were assessed to be damaged by Tsunami, 2178 hectares under paddy and 5891 hectares under plantation crops. About 4200 hectares of the damaged area is under permanent submergence. About 6324 farmers got affected due to Tsunami.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): Funds amounting to Rs. 432.15 crores have been allocated for the purpose.